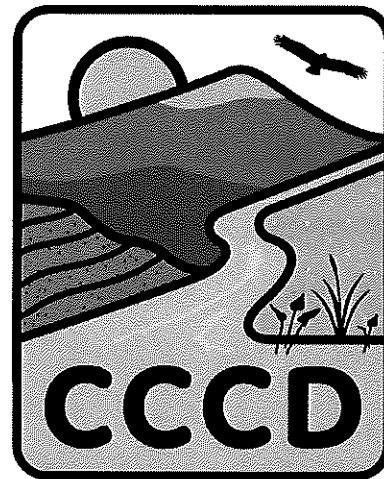


# Conservation News January 2021

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CHESHIRE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT



SOIL



WATER



WILDLIFE

## Events & Community Info

See what local conservation events are happening in the upcoming months and review important community info!

- CSS Info Sessions
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## Resources & Services

Discover local resources like our [Find A Local Farm Map](#) always available to you at the Cheshire County Conservation District.

**We're here to help with our [Farm Rental Equipment](#)**

## January Blog Article

### ***2020 - What a Year!***

By: Lola Bobrowski

Happy New Year!

**Connect with us on social media**  
for up to date events, articles, and  
information!

Join us as we reflect on 2020 and all the  
good work we were able to accomplish  
amid a global pandemic.

One might think that we've slowed down,  
but we've been as busy as ever, supporting  
local farmers and continuing our  
commitment to protecting the health of our  
local soils, water, and wildlife.

**Click here to read**  
**"2020 - What a Year!"**



**Celebrate NH Conservation Districts' 75th Anniversary!**



**Join us throughout 2021 as NH Conservation Districts celebrate their 75th Anniversary!**

**Did you know...?!**

The CCCD was the very first Conservation District established back in 1944!  
The nine remaining Districts across NH were established the following year in 1946.

We're excited to invite you to join us in partnership with all 10 of NH's County Conservation Districts to **celebrate 75 years of conservation in 2021!!**

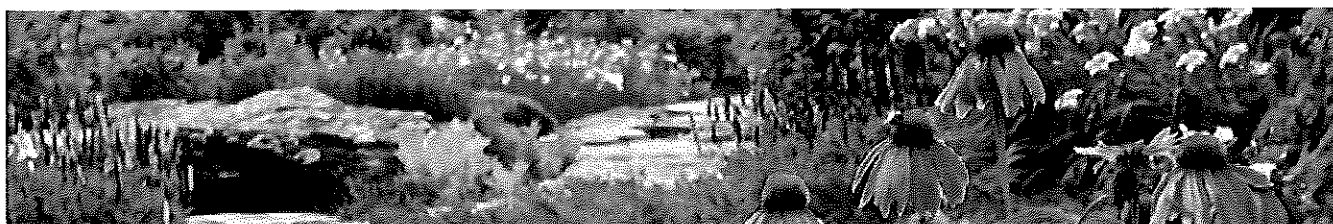
**We'll be celebrating in a number of ways:**

- **FLASHBACK FRIDAYS:** Every Friday in 2021, Conservation Districts across the state will participate in Flashback Fridays - a coordinated sharing of old conservation photos, stories, and lessons from Conservation Districts across the state of NH. Follow us on Facebook so you won't miss Flashback Fridays!

- **CONSERVATION LEGACY AWARDS:** NH Conservation Districts will present an organization, farm, family, individual, family forest, business, etc. with Conservation Legacy Awards. That's 10 awards across the state to honor those who have had a sustained commitment to and practice of conservation over time!
- **PODCASTS:** We'll also be producing and sharing podcasts recorded with conservation leaders across the state!

## Stay tuned for more in 2021!!

### 2021 Conservation Plant Sale - Order Early!!



**We're now taking orders  
for our annual  
Conservation Plant Sale!**

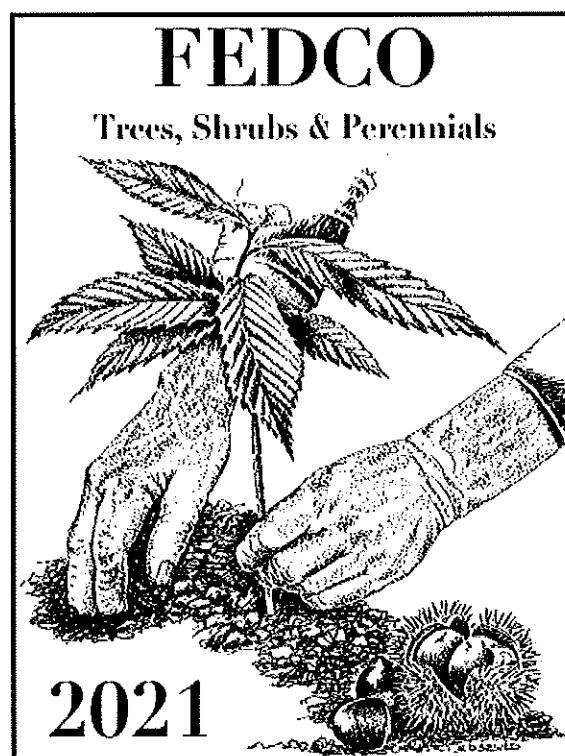
**Only choose plants from  
the "Trees, Shrubs, &  
Perennials" catalog ----->**

We will not accept seed orders with this sale.

**ORDER EARLY!** The longer you wait,  
the more likely your plants will be out of stock.  
**Final deadline is February 26, 2021**

**Check availability!** Before  
submitting your order, check to see what is  
already out of stock:

[www.fedcoseeds.com/trees/availability](http://www.fedcoseeds.com/trees/availability)



## Plant Sale Webpage

### Don't forget your mushrooms!

As like past years, we are offering locally grown mushroom from **Wichland Woods in Keene, NH** as part of our 2021 Plant Sale.

Review the mushroom list attached to our order form for species & pricing.



### **\*\*\*Please use the CCCD order form when submitting your order**

Starting this year, we will be collecting small shipping fees to help us cover the cost of this sale. We thank you for your continued support of the CCCD's Conservation Plant Sale!

## CCCD Plant Sale Order Form

## Trees, Shrubs, & Perennials Catalog (PDF)

## Community Supported Solar - Sign up NOW!



## Interested?

**Sign up NOW to  
purchase your shares!**

18 shares available;  
**first come, first served.**

Each estimated **5000 KWh = 1 Share**

One share costs **\$4,523**

Annual payment plan of \$905/year is also  
available to help make this program more  
accessible.



Farmers may purchase as many shares as they want, but the total output cannot  
exceed the total power the farm consumes on an annual basis.

**Interested farmers should contact Amanda Littleton directly at the CCCD  
to reserve their shares; first come first served until sold out. Either send  
an email to [amanda@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:amanda@cheshireconservation.org) or call 607-756-2988 x4  
and leave a voicemail.**

**Visit our CSS Webpage**

Learn more at a CSS Info Session

## Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship



### Now taking applications for the Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Camp Scholarship!

Does your child have interest in farms or gardening? Would he or she like to explore these interest this summer? **The Jeffrey P. Smith Farm Scholarship endeavors to connect young people with agriculture and the natural world around them.**

The Monadnock Localvores hope to inspire the next generation of local farmers & local food supporters, by helping regional children experience sustainable farming practices first-hand & watch their efforts bear fruit.

**Deadline to Apply is:  
March 31, 2021**

**Visit [Monadnock Localvore webpage](#)**

## Monadnock Food Co-op Farm Fund - Apply NOW!



**FOUR years. THIRTEEN farms. Now, it's YOUR turn!**  
**\$30,000 up for grabs!**

The Monadnock Food Co-op Farm Fund's mission is to support local farmers in increasing sustainable food production and wholesale sales to contribute to a thriving local farm economy.

**Eligible farms include those in Cheshire County & abutting NH towns looking to increase their food production and wholesale sales.**

**Awards can range \$500 - \$10,000!**



In partnership with  
Cheshire County  
Conservation District



**Deadline to apply: Feb. 1, 2021**

**[Click here to Apply!](#)**



Learn more at a Farm Fund Info Session

## Conservation Opportunity Fund - Apply NOW!



## Grant \$\$\$ to help you support wildlife!

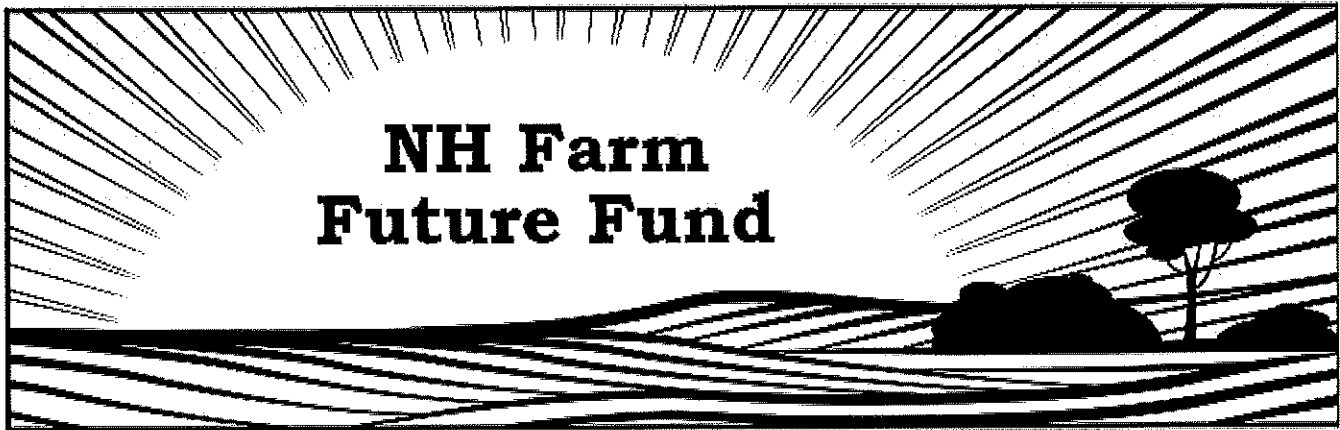
The Conservation Opportunity Fund's mission is to provide funding for owners of small tracts of land who are interested in improving the wildlife habitat on their property. This program is an annual opportunity to support environmental stewardship and the ecological integrity of Cheshire County, NH.

Learn more about the Con Opp Fund!

We're excited to announce the launch of year #2, which will provide small **grants up to \$1,500** for wildlife habitat improvement projects on your property (must be under 25 acres). **Deadline to apply is 3/1/2021.**

[Click here to Apply!](#)

## NH Farm Future Fund - Apply NOW!



The mission of the NH Farm Future Fund is to provide funding for farm viability planning in concert with the conservation of important agricultural soils. This program will leverage the singular opportunity of putting a conservation easement on farmland to also invest in the future viability of the farm business. The goal of this fund is to ensure that farmland is conserved, productive, and available for future generations.

**The NH Association of Conservation Districts is excited to once again request proposals from land trusts who seek funding to work with NH farms to conserve their land and improve the viability of their farm business.**

**Deadline to apply is Feb. 15, 2021**

[Click here for more NHFFF information](#)

## **Events & Community Info: January**

### **Community Supported Solar Info Sessions**

**Wednesday, Jan. 6th  
3:30pm-5:30pm**

**Thursday, Jan. 14th**  
**10:00am-12:00pm**

Representatives from the CCCD, ReVision Energy, and Sun Moon Farm will be available to share about the project and answer all your questions.

**Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.**



**[Click here to Register](#)**

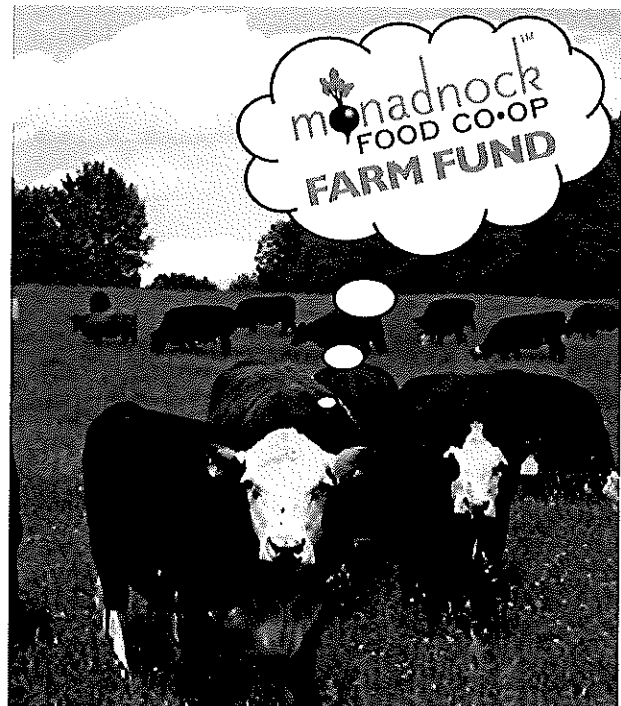
## **MFC Farm Fund Virtual Info Session**

**Thursday, January 7th**  
**11:00am-1:00pm**  
Online via Zoom

Sit in on a virtual info session to learn more about the Monadnock Food Co-op Farm Fund. Deadline to apply for the Farm Fund is February 1, 2021.

**Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.**

If you cannot attend, but have questions about your Farm Fund project proposal, the application itself, or otherwise please **don't hesitate to reach out to**



Amanda@cheshireconservation.org or  
call 603.756.2988 x4 and leave a  
voicemail.

[Click here to Register](#)

## Seeking feedback about new Skidder Bridge



We're excited to announce that our partners over at Long View Forest of Westminster, VT have completed their build of a new skidder bridge that will be available for use by the public in the Monadnock Region.

### Rent or Auction it off?

Now that the build is complete, we'd like to hear from you on whether there is more value in the CCCD restarting a skidder bridge rental program or if folks would interested in seeing this skidder bridge auctioned off.

We're asking that any foresters or folks otherwise interested in using this skidder bridge to please call 603.756.2988 x4 or reach out to amanda@cheshireconservation.org and let us know - rent or auction?

## Energy Audit Grant Fund for farm businesses

Reduce your energy costs

## of your small business!


**Program offers 75% grant towards comprehensive energy audits.**

New Hampshire Small businesses and Agricultural Producers may be eligible for low cost energy audits. The NH Community Development Finance Authority will cover up to 75% of audit costs for eligible businesses.

Save money, and improve comfort!

**Contact: Scott Maslansky at CDFA**  
603-717-9123 / [smaslansky@nhcdfa.org](mailto:smaslansky@nhcdfa.org)

**Low-Cost Energy Audit Program**  
CDFA Is Accepting Applications from New Hampshire  
Agricultural Producers & Rural Small Businesses




**Up to 75% off the cost of a comprehensive energy audit.**  
Identify cost-saving opportunities for your business:

- Insulation
- Refrigeration
- Lighting
- Equipment and
- Heating, Cooling
- Building Controls
- and Ventilation
- And More...

**Reduce Energy Costs**  
**Improve Safety, Comfort & Productivity**

For more information and how to apply contact:  
Scott Maslansky, Director of Clean Energy Finance  
Community Development Finance Authority  
603-717-9123 / [smaslansky@nhcdfa.org](mailto:smaslansky@nhcdfa.org)



CDFA's Clean Energy Fund provides technical and financial resources for economically justified projects that increase efficiency and reduce costs in the generation and utilization of energy. Clean Energy Fund resources are designed to help municipalities, non-profits and businesses in New Hampshire better control their long-term energy costs by improving the energy efficiency of their buildings and using renewable energy technologies when economically appropriate. For more information visit <http://www.nhcdfa.org/energy>

CDFA's Energy Audit Program was funded by a USDOE Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant

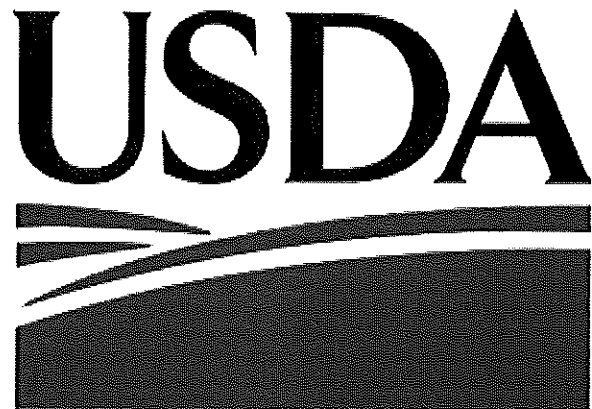
## Job Posting: USDA Farm Service Agency

This is a County Program Technician position located in the Cheshire County FSA office in Walpole, New Hampshire.

Full time with benefits. GIS experience a plus. You'll be working in direct communication with local farmers.

**More info at:**  
[usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/587904800](https://usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/587904800)

**Deadline to apply is 1/6/2021**



**Due to the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, CCCD events have been canceled, postponed, or moved to a virtual platform.**

**We will continue to monitor the situation to make determinations about any**

events scheduled for the remainder of the year. We will make determinations on a month-by-month basis until further notice.

Please stay tuned to our website or [Facebook page](#) for up to date information regarding our events.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times. Please know that the CCCD is committed to ensuring the safety & well being of the public. This is our first priority. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of our events.

## Resources & Services

### Help Us Update Our Local Farm Map!

Now more than ever, folks straying away from grocery stores and looking to local farms for fresh food, milk, eggs, bread, etc.

Help us ensure that folks know about your farm's offerings, hours, location, & more as we update our [Find A Local Farm Map!](#)





### How to Update your farm's info:

- Step 1: Visit the CCCD website here
- Step 2: Use the map to locate your farm
- Step 3: Review your farm's listed information
- Step 4: Email us with any necessary updates

Email to: [Lola@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:Lola@cheshireconservation.org)  
 Subject line: "Farm Map: "Your Farm Name"

**Cheshire County Conservation District | 603.756.2988 EXT. 4**  
[www.cheshireconservation.org](http://www.cheshireconservation.org) | [info@cheshireconservation.org](mailto:info@cheshireconservation.org)



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